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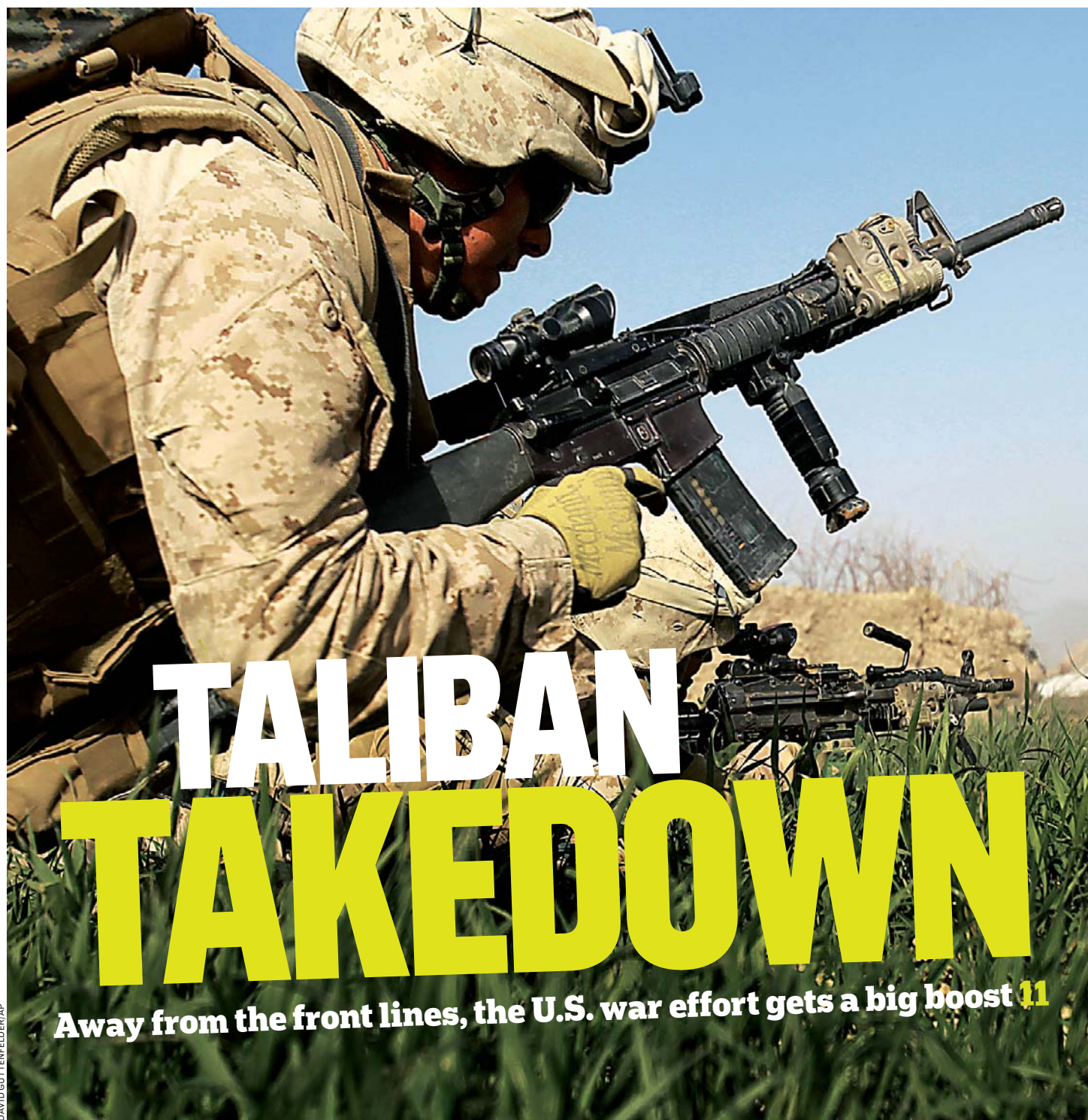


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Humans Project Sense of Accomplishment on Dog

A three-legged pitbull mix that played in a game of doggie baseball has won "Best in Show" at a talent competition held by one of New York City's largest animal shelters. Nine dogs competed in Friday's contest at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But it was Prince who impressed the judging panel the most by catching three baseballs. (AP)

Monopoly Enthusiast Loses It

A Web designer is hawking square inches of an empty lot in Detroit for a dollar each to show what can be done with vacant spaces. Jerry Paffendorf says nearly 600 "inchvestors" have bought some of the 10,000 plots for sale. The 28-year-old says he bought the lot for \$500 and that profits are fed back into the project. He says inchvestors may do with the land as they wish. He says some plan to construct tiny buildings. (AP)

Coin Engraver: 'Potato, Potahto. CHILE, CHIEE.'

An engraver fired by Chile's mint for an error that led to the release of 1.5 million coins featuring the country of "CHIEE" said that his bosses covered up the mistake in 2009. Engraver Pedro Urzua Lizana said he unknowingly left off the bottom part of the letter "l," and that coins were released to the public last year, even after his bosses became aware of the error. (AP)



The Big Picture



THIS CREEPY, CRAWLY art exhibit is aptly titled "Ants" and is currently covering the National Congress' facade in Bogota, Colombia, where it will be on display until March 26. According to the artist, Rafael Gomez Barros, the ants symbolize the people displaced by continuing armed conflict in Colombia. (EXPRESS)

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Access to Broadband Lags in U.S.

Washington

Roughly 40 percent of Americans do not have high-speed Internet access at home, according to new Commerce Department figures that

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The percentage of rural households with broadband, compared to 66 percent of urban households.

underscore the challenges facing policymakers who are trying to bring affordable broadband connections to everyone. The Obama administration and Congress have identified universal broadband as a key to driving economic development, producing jobs, and bringing educational opportunities and cutting-edge medicine to all corners of the country.

Next month, the Federal Communications Commission will deliver policy recommendations to Congress on how to make universal broadband a reality. The FCC is expected to propose expanding the fund that subsidizes telephone service in poor and rural communities while seeking more airwaves for wireless broadband services.

JOELLE TESSLER (AP)

President Backs Nuclear Option

Obama touts loan guarantees to build power station in Ga.

Washington

President Obama announced \$8 billion in loan guarantees Tuesday to build a new nuclear power plant in Georgia, part of the White House push for new jobs from clean-energy technology.

Speaking after touring a Maryland training facility for energy jobs, Obama said the move is just the start of his administration's efforts to increase the use of nuclear power.

Obama called for an end to the clash between environmental concerns and the economy, saying that the United States needs new energy jobs like the ones created by a new nuclear plant.

"We cannot allow those differences to prevent us from making progress," he said. "On an issue which affects our economy, our security and the future of our planet, we cannot continue to be mired in the same old debates between left



President Obama talks with Ralph Neidert Tuesday at a jobs center in Lanham, Md.

and right, between environmentalists and entrepreneurs."

White House officials said the construction of the new plant in Georgia would create thousands of temporary jobs and 800 permanent ones.

In his speech at a training center in Lanham, Md., for the International Brotherhood of Electric

cal Workers, Obama cast his plan to build a new generation of U.S. nuclear power plants as part of a series of difficult choices during a transition to cleaner energy.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions about opening up new offshore areas for oil and gas development," he said. "We'll need to make continued

Political Energy

By embracing a new generation of nuclear power, Obama is seizing on an issue that has potential for bipartisan support even as his plan for overall climate-change legislation has stalled. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., often called for construction of new nuclear power plants during the 2008 presidential campaign. But Obama is also raising the prospect of opposition from environmentalists who believe that nuclear power is dangerous and are concerned about storing nuclear waste. (TWP)

investments in advanced biofuels and clean coal technologies, even as we build greater capacity in renewables like wind and solar."

He noted that the federal loan guarantees would help break ground on "the first new nuclear power plant in our country in three decades." By comparison, he said, there are now 56 nuclear reactors under construction around the world, 21 of them in China.

MICHAEL D. SHEAR AND WILLIAM BRANIGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



ALTERCATIONS

Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney was threatened by an unruly airline passenger Monday on a flight from Vancouver, spokesman Eric Fehrstrom said. Romney and his wife were on a flight to Los Angeles when Romney asked the passenger sitting in front of his wife, Ann, to raise his seat back before takeoff. Fehrstrom said the passenger became enraged and took a swing at Romney. He said the former governor did not retaliate. (AP)

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Toyota Records Sought

Government wants to know when flaws in cars were spotted

Washington

The government ordered Toyota to turn over documents related to its massive recalls Tuesday, pressing to see how long the automaker knew of safety defects before taking action. Toyota, concerned about unsold cars, said it would temporarily idle some production in three states.

The Transportation Department is demanding that Toyota reveal when and how it learned of problems with sticking accelerators and with floor mats trapping gas pedals, and the company must respond within 30 to 60 days or face fines. Those defects and problems with brakes on new

Toyota is idling production in Texas and Kentucky as it deals with a wave of recalls.

Prius hybrids have now led to the recall of 8.5 million vehicles.

The intensifying investigation and the production halts at Toyota's assembly plants are fresh signs of the ripple effect the recalls are having on the world's No. 1 automaker — even as car owners are

streaming to dealers for fixes.

Toyota said it was halting production temporarily in San Antonio, Texas, and Georgetown, Ky., to address concerns that too many unsold vehicles may be building up at dealerships because of the large recalls. (AP)

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Survivor: Shooting Was Done Carefully

Professor recounts methodical slaying of three colleagues

Huntsville, Ala.

A professor who survived a deadly university shooting rampage said the colleague charged in the attack methodically shot her victims in the head until the gun apparently jammed and she was pushed out of the room.

Associate professor Joseph Ng on Tuesday said he was one of 12 people at a biology department meeting Friday at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Ng said the meeting had been going on for about half an hour when Amy Bishop “got up suddenly, took out a gun and start-

ed shooting at each one of us. She started with the one closest to her and went down the row shooting her targets in the head.”



Bishop

Ng said the suspect’s gun seemed to jam, and he and others rushed Bishop out of the room and then barricaded the door shut with a table.

Bishop, a Harvard-educated neurobiologist, was arrested and charged with one count of capital murder and three counts of attempted murder.

Killed in Friday’s shooting were Gopi K. Podila, the chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences, and professors Adriel Johnson and Maria Ragland Davis. (AP)

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Homelessness Rises in Suburbs

Shelters are finding it hard to cope with need for assistance

Roosevelt, N.Y.

Homelessness in rural and suburban America is straining shelters this winter as the economy founders and joblessness hovers near double digits — a “perfect storm of foreclosures, unemployment and a shortage of affordable housing,” in one official’s eyes.

“We are seeing many families that never before sought government help,” said Greg Blass, commissioner of Social Services in Suffolk County on eastern

SETH WENIG/AP

Homeless people line up to be bused to shelters on Feb. 3 in Riverhead, N.Y.

Long Island.

“We see a spiral in food stamps, heating assistance applications; Medicaid is skyrocketing,” Blass added. “It is truly reaching a stage

of being alarming.”

The federal government is again counting the nation’s homeless and, by many accounts, the suburban numbers continue to rise, especially for families, women, children, Latinos and men seeking help for the first time.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s annual survey last year found homelessness remained steady at about 1.6 million people, but the percentage of rural or suburban homelessness rose from 23 percent to 32 percent. The 2009 HUD report also found the number of sheltered homeless families grew from about 473,000 to 517,000. FRANK ELTMAN (AP)

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In Brief



Hezbollah supporters attend a rally to mark the 2008 death of Imad Mughniyeh.

BEIRUT

Hezbollah Warns Israel Against Military Strikes

Hezbollah's leader warned Israel Tuesday that the militant group would fire rockets at Tel Aviv airport and other strategic targets if Israel's military strikes Lebanese infrastructure. Hassan Nasrallah's speech was broadcast to a rally commemorating the 2008 assassination of Hezbollah's top military commander, Imad Mughniyeh, who was killed in a car bombing in Damascus, Syria. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Fewest U.S. Troops in Iraq Since the 2003 Invasion

The number of American troops in Iraq has dropped below 100,000 for the first time since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, the U.S. military said Tuesday. The U.S. military plans on maintaining its current 98,000 boots on the ground through the March 7 elections, said army spokeswoman 1st Lt. Elizabeth Feste. (AP)

Haiti's Losses Exceed Economy

Development bank says quake caused billions in damage

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Damage from Haiti's catastrophic Jan. 12 earthquake may be twice the value of the country's annual economy, Latin America's main development bank said Tuesday.

A report by three Inter-American Development Bank economists found last month's earthquake to be more devastating than the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami was for Indonesia and five times deadlier than the 1972 earthquake that leveled Nicaragua's capital.

"It is the most destructive [natural disaster] a country has ever experienced when measured in terms of the number of people killed as a share of the country's



A man walks by a makeshift store set up at the site where it stood before Haiti's quake.

population," the report says — killing one in every 50 Haitians.

Economists Eduardo Cavallo, Andrew Powell and Oscar Becerra

estimated the magnitude-7 quake wrought damage worth between \$8.1 billion and \$13.9 billion.

Haiti produced only \$7 bil-

Road to Recovery



It will take three long years to clear the rubble left by Haiti's devastating earthquake, said President Rene

Preval in a rare exclusive sit-down interview with Associated Press Television News. "It will take 1,000 trucks moving rubble for 1,000 days, so that's three years. And until we move out rubble, we cannot really build," Preval said. (AP)

lion worth of goods and services in 2008, according to the World Bank.

"This is just an assessment of damage; it gives no indication of the amount of money to get the country back as if nothing had happened," Cavallo said. JONATHAN M. KATZ (AP)

France, Russia, U.S. Criticize Iran's Nuclear Enrichment Project

Vienna

France, Russia and the U.S. have urged Iran to stop enriching uranium to higher levels and suggested the project reinforces suspicions that Tehran is seeking to make nuclear weapons. The joint statement, made public Tuesday,

reflects unified Russian and Western opposition to Iran's increased enrichment.

Shrugging off international concerns, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced the country was moving ahead to expand its enrichment capacities by installing more advanced machinery at

its main enrichment facility.

Ahmadinejad told reporters in Tehran on Tuesday the new centrifuges are not yet operational but are five times more efficient than the model now in use at its underground Natanz enrichment plant.

Officials at the Vienna-based

International Atomic Energy Agency said they had no comment. The latest IAEA report on Iran in November said that as of early October, no advanced centrifuges had been installed at the plant, although some were being tested in a separate area of the facility.

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World

Tut's Secrets Surface

Tests reveal famed Egyptian king died of broken leg, malaria

Cairo

Egypt's most famous pharaoh, King Tutankhamun, was a frail boy who suffered from a cleft palate and club foot. He died of complications from a broken leg exacerbated by malaria, and his parents were most likely brother and sister.

Two years of DNA testing and CT scans on Tut's 3,300-year-old mummy and 15 others are helping end many of the myths surrounding the boy king. While a comparatively minor ruler, he has captivated the public since the 1922 discovery of his tomb, which was filled with a stunning array of jew-



The face of the linen-wrapped mummy of Tutankhamun is displayed in 2007.

els and artifacts, including a golden funeral mask.

The study, which will be published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, provides the firmest family tree yet for Tut. The tests pointed to Pharaoh Akhenaten, who tried to revolutionize ancient Egyptian

religion to worship one god, as Tut's father. His mother was one of Akhenaten's sisters, it said.

Tut, who became pharaoh at age 10 in 1333 B.C., ruled for just nine years at a pivotal time in Egypt's

history. Speculation has long swirled over his death at 19. A hole in his skull fueled speculation he was murdered, until a 2005 CT scan ruled that out.

The newest tests paint a picture of a pharaoh whose immune system was likely weakened by congenital diseases. His death came from complications from the broken leg — along with severe brain malaria. **PAUL SCHEMM (AP)**

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The number of walking sticks and canes found in Tut's tomb. Some showed signs that they had been used.

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World

Dubai Murder Case Challenged

Dubai, U.A.E.

A spy novel-worthy police narrative about the slaying of a Hamas commander brought uneasy questions for Dubai authorities Tuesday as their account of a crack hit squad from Europe ran into serious challenges from Britain, Ireland and Germany.

At least four people who live in Israel share names with suspects identified by Dubai police investigating the assassination of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh. Three of the four said they were not the people whose photos were made public by Dubai; a daughter of the fourth said the allegations were a mistake.

Hamas and others have claimed



Notorious Figure

Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, shown on a poster at his funeral in Syria last month, left, was a key Hamas leader. Hamas has acknowledged that al-Mabhouh was involved in the kidnapping and killing of two Israeli soldiers in 1989. His body was found in a Dubai hotel on Jan. 20. (AP)

that the Mossad secret service masterminded the slaying.

Another twist added to the intrigue. Officials outside Dubai said at least two Palestinians linked to the case were in Dubai custody.


Dubai authorities described an 11-member team that swooped into the Gulf city-state last month on a mission to kill al-Mabhouh. Their

wanted list was topped by an alleged mastermind carrying a French passport and others traveling on European passports: six British, three Irish and a German.

But Ireland said three suspects' names do not appear on any passport registry. Britain and Germany said the passport details cited by Dubai do not appear genuine. (AP)

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Capturing Momentum

U.S. forces hope to capitalize on the arrest of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 leader

Islamabad

The capture of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 commander by a joint CIA and Pakistani team dealt a fresh blow to insurgents under heavy U.S. attack and raised hopes that Pakistani security forces are ready to deny militants a safe haven.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrest in the Pakistani port city of Karachi may also push other insurgent leaders thought to be sheltering on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

Baradar, in his late 40s, was the second in command behind Taliban founder Mullah Mohammad Omar and was said to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the organization's leadership council, which is believed to be based in Pakistan. He was a founding member of the Taliban and is the most important figure of the hard-line Islamist movement arrested in the war so far.

Baradar, who also functioned as the link between Mullah Omar and field commanders, has been in detention for more than 10 days and was talking to interrogators, two Pakistani intelligence officials said Tuesday. One said several other suspects were also captured in the raid. He said Baradar had provided "useful information" to them and that Pakistan had shared it with their U.S. counterparts.

The arrest comes as relentless CIA missile strikes against militant targets in the border tribal region have killed several commanders.

President Obama has ordered 30,000 extra troops to southern Afghanistan. On Saturday, thousands of them began a major attack on the town of Marjah in the south-



Pakistani police stand guard in Karachi. The U.S. is counting on Pakistan to refuse aid to the Taliban during the Afghanistan war.

A Change in Direction?

The arrest of Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar could mark a shift in strategy by Pakistan's powerful Inter Services Intelligence agency away from protecting or turning a blind eye to the Afghan Taliban.

U.S. PRESSURE

With mounting U.S. casualties across the border, American officials have pressured Pakistan to target Taliban leaders. Security forces here have largely resisted doing so, even while attacking splinter Taliban groups blamed for scores of terrorist attacks.

SCARCE DETAILS

U.S. and Pakistani officials did not say what led them to Baradar or give details of the raid, triggering speculation that he may have been handed over by Pakistani intelligence officials as part of a trade-off in negotiations over the future of Afghanistan with the United States.

CURIOUS TIMING

"If Pakistani officials had wanted to arrest him, they could have done it at any time," said Sher Mohammad Akhund Zada, the former governor of Afghanistan's Helmand province and a member of the Afghan parliament. "Why did they arrest him now?" (AP)



"It's really evidence of a stronger cooperative effort that's taking place."

— SEN. JOHN KERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ON CBS' "THE EARLY SHOW" TUESDAY. KERRY AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS HOPE THAT PAKISTAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN LAST WEEK'S CAPTURE OF A TOP MILITANT LEADER COULD SIGNIFY A NEW ERA IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TALIBAN.

The Battleground

Gains in Marja

U.S. and Afghan troops moved into two key parts of Marja Tuesday in an effort to restart government services and confront Taliban holdouts who continue to shoot at coalition forces. Facing little resistance, troops secured the central police station and the area where they hope to build a municipal building. To the north, in the Koru Chreh bazaar area, several hundred U.S. Marines conducted a daylong operation to target insurgent gunmen and sweep for makeshift bombs. A second Marine company was moved there Monday because of the intensity of the fighting there. The beefed-up presence led to a drop in attacks.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

ern province of Helmand, one of the regions that Baradar is believed to control.

Former members of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and security experts said the arrest would hurt the Taliban but was far from a decisive blow. They said Baradar would likely be quickly replaced.

Nevertheless, the capture is likely to cause short-term disruption, since Baradar was the day-to-day commander of the Taliban.

"It's a great tactical success that the coalition forces should be pleased with, but by no means is it the beginning of the end," said Will Hartley, an analyst at Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center in London. "This will have a noted effect on the short-term ability of the Taliban to operate the way it was. However, it has proved itself a resilient organization."

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Local

Report: Barry Broke Law

Probe urges charges for steering earmarks to former girlfriend

Washington

D.C. Council member Marion Barry personally benefited from the contract he obtained for his former girlfriend and directed earmarks that "provided substantial financial benefits to some of his close friends and supports," according to a report by attorney Robert S. Bennett.

In the report, Bennett states Barry violated "D.C. law, council rules and policies and procedures" and recommends his findings be referred to the U.S. attorney for



Barry

Watts-Brighthaupt

possible criminal charges.

Barry responded that he did nothing wrong because the council had no written procedures outlining to whom a council member could give a contract.

In July, after news surfaced that Barry had given Donna Watts-Brighthaupt a city contract, the council asked Bennett to investigate the matter and review the

council process for distributing earmarks. According to the report, Bennett concludes that Barry sought approval of Watts-Brighthaupt's contract after he loaned her money to help her pay her bills. After Barry secured the contract for Watts-Brighthaupt, he then forced her to use her paycheck to repay him, the report said.

Watts-Brighthaupt was paid \$15,000 to develop a program called "Emerging Leaders of Ward Eight." However, the report said "significant portions" of the program manual "were copied without attribution from publicly available materials located on the Internet."

TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Students Overcome Snow to Get to Class



DEB LINDSEY/TWP

LEX LEHR, 13, LEFT, AND DAVID KLINGER, 12, both seventh-graders, make their way to Hoover Middle School on a sidewalk on Post Oak Road in Potomac, Md., Tuesday. Montgomery County schools were delayed two hours.

Va. Senate Votes To Allow Guns In Restaurants

Richmond, Va.

The Democrat-controlled Virginia Senate has voted to allow concealed weapons permit holders to carry guns in restaurants that serve alcohol, as long as the person carrying the weapon does not drink.

The gun bill passed on a 22-18 vote, after senators had a vigorous debate about whether people might have a reasonable reason to carry guns in restaurants. The House has passed a similar bill; Gov. Bob McDonnell has expressed support for the measure and is expected to sign it into law. **ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	3-0-9-4-9
Daily 6 (Mon.)	2-4-5-22-29-38 (26)

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-5-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-5-9-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-9-4-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	5-15-21-24-31
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	16-18-20-33-34

Maryland

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Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-6-7-4
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Vancouver 2010

Medal Count



▲ United States TOTAL: 8

COUNTRY				T
Germany	3	1	6	9
France	2	1	4	7
Canada	2	2	1	5
S. Korea	3	1	0	4
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
China	1	1	1	3
Austria	0	2	1	3
Norway	0	2	1	3
Italy	0	1	2	3

Top Performers



Magdalena Neuner, Germany

In winning her second medal of the Olympics, Neuner built a commanding lead by shooting cleanly at the second prone position to pull away during the women's 10k biathlon. She entered the stadium alone to win in 30 minutes, 16 seconds.

Bjorn Ferry, Sweden

Ferry took the lead on the final lap of men's 12.5k biathlon after his fourth shoot and had a winning time of 33 minutes, 38.4 seconds, 16.5 seconds faster than Austria's Christoph Sumann.

Hearsay

"Perhaps we did underestimate the degree to which people would want to get close to it."

—RENEE SMITH-VALADE, of the Vancouver organizing committee, announcing plans to make the fenced-in Olympic cauldron more accessible to fans.



U.S. goalkeeper Ryan Miller makes a save in the Americans' 3-1 win on Tuesday against Switzerland. Miller made 14 saves, allowing only one goal in the third period.

U.S. Knocks Off Swiss in Opener

Young hockey squad controls the puck in impressive 3-1 win

Ice Hockey

The U.S. kids were all right.

The youngest collection of American hockey players since the NHL began supplying the talent for the 1998 Nagano Games opened this tournament with a workman-like 3-1 victory over Switzerland on Tuesday.

Bobby Ryan scored late in the

first period, and David Backes and Ryan Malone added goals in the second to help the United States avoid a repeat of an opening-game letdown. During the 2006 Turin Games, the Americans began with a 3-3 tie against Latvia and never challenged for a medal.

Ryan Miller, considered the key to the U.S. chances to reach the podium, was solid in making 14 saves. He turned aside the handful of scoring opportunities the Swiss created and complied with rules barring corporate sponsorships by placing tape over the words "Miller

Time" painted on his mask.

His only blemish came with 10:15 remaining when a pass attempt by Roman Wick struck the goalie's outstretched stick and tantalizingly trickled behind him for a power-play goal.

With only goalie Jonas Hiller and defenseman Mark Streit as regular NHL players, Switzerland put up some early resistance but couldn't sustain it. Hiller stopped 21 shots, facing only two in the third period.

In the appetizer before host Canada faced Norway, the Amer-

icans looked crisp and coasted to victory after a face-paced start. Outside of a few miss connections on some passes, there was no clear evidence the Americans had only one practice before play began.

Many fans were decked out in red Canada jerseys, but there was plenty of support for the U.S. and Swiss teams. The biggest cheers were reserved for American forward Ryan Kesler of the hometown Vancouver Canucks, and Mike Eruzione, who captained the U.S. to Miracle on Ice glory in 1980. IRA PODELL (AP)

There's No Silver Lining This Time for American Jacobellis

Snowboardcross

No gold for Lindsey Jacobellis this time, either.

No medal at all, in fact.

And once again, no one to blame but herself.

Looking to redeem herself after giving away a victory four years ago, Jacobellis' return trip to the

Olympics was even worse.

Early in her semifinal race on the snowboardcross course Tuesday, she lost her balance on a jump, wobbled and skittered to try to regain her balance, but clipped the outside of a gate.

Disqualified.

She raised her hands in disbelief, then clasped them over



Maelle Ricker celebrates her gold.

her helmet. The most dominant rider in the world for most of the last decade didn't even make the medal round.

This time, the gold went to Canada's Maelle Ricker, who easily defeated Deborah Anthonioz of France in the final. Olivia Nobs of Switzerland won the bronze.

EDDIE PELLIS (AP)

Vonn's Husband: 'No Question' She'll Ski

American confident in recovery even after her training setback

Alpine Skiing

Lindsey Vonn's husband said "there's no question" she will compete in Wednesday's Olympic downhill, even though her bruised right shin had a setback in training.

Thomas Vonn said in a telephone interview that his wife planned to stay off the slopes completely Tuesday to rest her injured leg, which was "throbbing" a day after she was the fastest woman in the first part of a split training session.

"It was definitely sore today, much more sore than it had been in a couple days," Thomas Vonn said. "The full-length downhill run yesterday definitely took its

toll on her shin."

That's why Lindsey Vonn probably wouldn't have taken part in the downhill training run that was scheduled for Tuesday but was called off because of an overnight snowstorm.

Still, there was good news. For even though she was bothered by the shin, Monday's practice proved that "she knows her leg will hold up, and that she can be fast even if it's painful," Thomas Vonn said.



Lindsey Vonn aggravated her injured right shin during a training run Feb. 15.

MICHAEL KAPPELER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"She'll for sure be racing tomorrow. There's no question," he added.

Lindsey Vonn was hurt on Feb. 2, when she tumbled and slammed the top of her right boot against her leg during pre-Olympic practice in Austria. She stayed off skis for more than a week and has sat out while wet and warm weather canceled nearly every training session at the Winter Games.

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Snowboarding Tickets Voided Due to Safety

Snowboarding

The Vancouver Olympics Committee announced Tuesday that all standing-oom tickets for the snowboarding events at Cypress Mountain — snowboard cross, halfpipe and parallel giant slalom — have been canceled because of the potential of unsafe conditions for spectators. Grandstand tickets are still valid, but the move by Canadian organizers invalidates a total of 28,000 tickets for the six events.

"It is too unstable and unsafe to have people walking around the course," said Caley Denton, VANOC's vice president of ticketing. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Germans Sweep Aside U.S. in Curling



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GERMANY'S SKIP ANDY KAPP SHOUTS instructions during Tuesday's 7-5 victory over the United States in the Olympic curling opener in Vancouver. Kapp took out two U.S. stones in his second-to-last throw to secure the win.

What to Watch

WOMEN'S CURLING

(NOON, USA) The U.S. women try to avenge the men's loss to Germany.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

(3 P.M., NBC) Can American Kikkan Randall follow up her second-place finish at the world championships with an Olympic medal?

MEN'S HOCKEY

(3 P.M., MSNBC) Finland, the 2006 silver medalist, takes on Belarus.



TARA WALTON/AP

Shaun White returns to the spotlight with the halfpipe on Wednesday night.

MEN'S HALFPIPE

(8 P.M., NBC) Shaun White aims for back-to-back Olympic gold medals.

WOMEN'S DOWNHILL

(8 P.M., NBC) The wait is over: Lindsey Vonn makes her Vancouver debut as she battles a bruised shin.

MEN'S SPEEDSKATING

(8 P.M., NBC) Americans Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick compete for the gold in the 1,000-meter sprint.

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Sports

Terps Close Out Grueling Stretch



Terps Hoops

In the midst of perhaps the most physically demanding stretch of the ACC season, coach Gary Williams was asked whether he was concerned that he was overworking his best player.

Greivis Vasquez, after all, is averaging nearly 35 minutes per game during conference play. But hours before Maryland hosted Virginia on Monday — the second of three games in a five-day span — Williams said he has no such worries.

“Greivis is a senior,” Williams said. “He’s a lot stronger now as a senior than he was as a freshman. He’s up around 200 pounds now. I think he can handle it, and he likes to play.”



Greivis Vasquez scored 25 first-half points against Virginia on Monday night.

Vasquez went out Monday and, in 34 minutes, made Williams look good. He scored 25 first-half points en route to a 30-point game and a decisive victory for the Terrapins (17-7, 7-3 ACC).

“I am not big on individual play usually, but the way Greivis played tonight was exceptional, and I think

he got us off to a great start in the first half,” Williams said. “It wasn’t easy to get ready and play this game.”

The win over Virginia also left the Terrapins in prime position to win two of three during the critical stretch, which became a reality after last Wednesday’s game against Virginia was postponed. The Terrapins were beaten soundly by Duke on Saturday, but the stretch culminates Wednesday against North Carolina State (14-8, 2-5).

After Wednesday’s game, the Terrapins have three of their final five games at home, including a chance to avenge their loss to Duke, which is also their last chance to defeat a top-10 team.

“We have three losses in the league, and we feel pretty good about ourselves,” Williams said. “We feel we’re in a good position and we have to play well, just like every other team in the league.”

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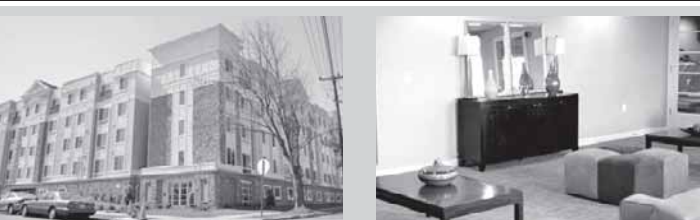
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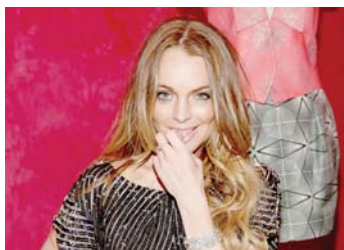
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Off the Cuffs



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Stars: They Hoard Just Like Us!

As something of an inveterate pack rat (example: I finally just purged 10 years' worth of fash mags from my bedroom), I never miss an episode of the Style Network's "Clean House" (weeknights, 10 p.m.) and the somewhat more sobering "Hoarders" on

A&E (Mon., 10 p.m.). It's reassuring to know my own shoe fixations aren't as bad as others' grip on scrap metal/stuffed animals/glitter-covered Christmas crap — not to mention

a good reminder that I should keep attempting to organize, lest I want to suffer the future wrath of "Clean House" host Niecy Nash and her overly perky cleaning crew.

When Niecy took on the overstuffed home of Lindsay Lohan, above, on "The Insider" this month, the result was both revealing and relatable (see clips at Theinsider.com). Lindsay has suffered her share of tabloid trauma lately, but I found myself cheering her on in her clean-up quest as much as I would the everyday families on the other shows. The actress' messy closets felt oddly familiar (er, except that her shoe collection could fill my entire apartment). Looks like in the overshopped, overstressed 21st century, it's the piles that bind.



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Greatest Show on Snow

NBC enjoys a calm, celebratory moment, thanks to its popular Olympics coverage

Television

Every now and then — in this case, now — something works, things go right, and high spirits don't have to be faked. Even on NBC. The poor old network with all the bruises and bandages from months and months of battering is enjoying a fine, high-flying triumph with its HD telecasts of the Winter Olympics from Vancouver.

It's the greatest show on snow. And the television version has been so satisfying — visually, emotionally, aesthetically — that for the moment, the national pall imposed by the recession and by the generally shabby state of public affairs seems to have lifted.

Not only is the show grand and gorgeous and sometimes thrilling, but it's a huge hit, at least so far. Nielsen Media Research estimates that 67.5 million of us watched the Opening Ceremonies and that the network averaged 97 million tune-ins during its first two days of coverage. If snow has been a bit scarce up B.C.'s way for some of the outdoor events, snow all over the eastern U.S. has confined millions of viewers to their homes and thus given NBC a captive audience.

Commendably, it hasn't taken that captive audience for granted. NBC is working so hard you'd think it was competing with the "Cute Puppy, Naked Movie Star,



NBC's Bob Costas carries the Olympic flame in Burnaby, British Columbia, on Feb. 11.

Trends



Mmm ... Sports

NBC may be at the helm of the Olympic coverage, but other networks, such as Fox, are getting in on the action, too. On Sunday's episode of "The Simpsons," Marge and Homer became Olympic curlers and encountered NBC's team in Vancouver. (EXPRESS)

Easy Weight-Loss and Free Money" show.

Bob Costas is the on-air captain of the team, of course, and he's been his usual wry, eerily ageless and unflappable self, sneaking in a sarcastic aside now and then, usually so deftly that no seams show.

It's the athletes themselves, of course, who provide the great unscripted highlights. Skater Apolo Anton Ohno is proficient at working the crowds. Skier Lindsey Vonn's interviews are always worth watching, and she's not alone in taking to the spotlight.

It's quite possible that the nicey-niceness of the whole spectacle could get to be grating after a few more days, but it's awfully encouraging to encounter anything that so outstandingly celebrates excellence. **TOM SHALES** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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top stops

1 Sisters, Sisters
They sound manufactured for music-loving hipsters: Canadian twin sisters who write folk-pop music! But Tegan and Sara aren't just popular because their story sells well: It's also because their music is awesome. Not what we'd call rousing but lovely filled with unexpected harmonies. **F.Z. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$35-\$38; 202-783-4000, Warnertheatre.com. (Metro Center)**

2 Bedtime Stories
Tonight, Town will host SpeakEasyDC's open mic. Turn out to hear the stories of those who live in the District — true tales only, seven-minute time limit — that, for this session, will each address an event that occurred after dark. Go to the Web site to put your name on the list for future sessions if you have a tale to tell. **F.Z. Town Danceboutique, 2009 8th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$10 admission, plus \$10 for an all-you-can-eat buffet; 240-888-9751, Speakeasydc.com. (Shaw)**

3 Really Big Love
This is for those who watch "Big Love," the HBO show about a Utah man and his three wives. In "Among the Polygamists," National Geographic exposes the lives of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, whose members practice plural marriage. **F.Z. National Geographic, 1600 M St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$18; 202-857-7700, Events.nationalgeographic.com. (Dupont Circle)**



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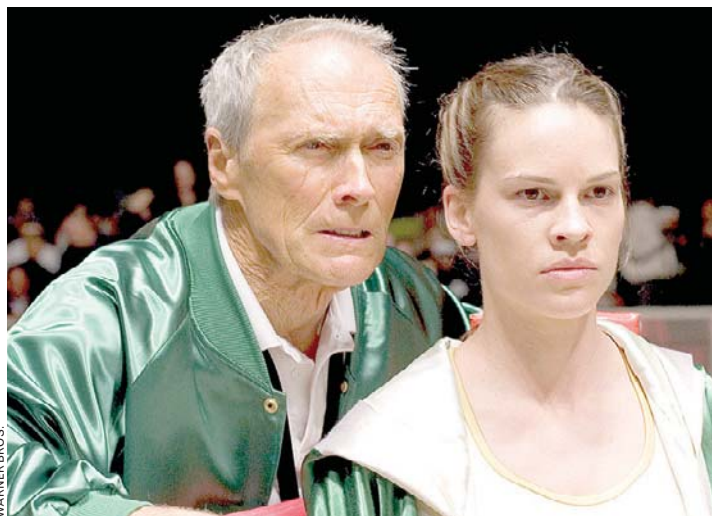
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DVD Review

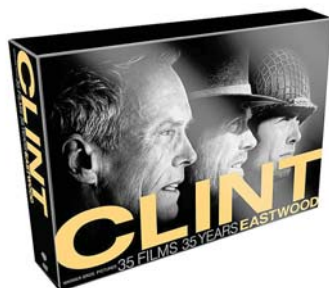
"Clint Eastwood: 35 Films 35 Years" (\$180) is the sort of mammoth, gorgeously reverent box set that typically arrives during the holidays. Instead, all 18 DVDs — compiled in a thick, bound book with Eastwood's autograph scrawled across the front — showed up Tuesday, smack in the middle of Academy Awards season, when the Filmmaker Formerly Known as Dirty Harry usually bathes in Oscar praise.

That timing didn't synch up quite as well as Warner Bros., the studio behind this multi-disc tribute, may have hoped. Eastwood's most recent film, the South Africa spirit-lifter "Invictus," was overlooked this year in both the best picture and best director categories, although it did earn nods for stars Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon. Still, that recognition may provide all the motivation some fans need to revisit the work of this iconic American actor and producer/director/composer, a man who, at the age of almost 80, remains one of Hollywood's most prolific talents.

As its title suggests, this collection pulls together nearly all the movies Eastwood has made and/or starred in during his four-decade relationship with Warner Bros., giving us a long, good look at the many faces of Eastwood. We get Dirty Harry Clint (all five of the Smith &



Clint Eastwood directed and starred in "Million Dollar Baby," winner of four Oscars.



'35 Films 35 Years' is a relatively affordable way to beef up the Eastwood section of a DVD library.

Wesson-wielding cop dramas are included here), Western Clint ("The Outlaw Josey Wales," "Heartbreak Ridge," "Unforgiven"), War Movie Clint ("Kelly's Heroes," "Letters From Iwo Jima"), Grumpy Old Man Clint ("Million Dollar Baby," "Gran Torino") and even, um, Orangutan-

Friendly Clint ("Every Which Way But Loose," "Any Which Way You Can"). As a definitive career retrospective, a few gaps remain. The set omits the three Sergio Leone spaghetti Westerns that kick-started Eastwood's film career, his directorial debut ("Play Misty for Me") and "In the Line of Fire," one of his biggest box office successes, because none of them was distributed by Warner Bros.

Still, for lifelong students of the Hollywood veteran's work — the ones who feel compelled to own every project he's undertaken, right down to the Bernadette Peters action caper "Pink Cadillac" — "35 Films 35 Years" is a relatively affordable way to beef up the Eastwood section of one's DVD library. The cost works out to about \$10 per disc. That's a decent bargain for those who care solely about being able to watch these films again and again. **JEN CHANEY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Celebrity Vanity Project

The Second Coming of J.K. Rowling

Actress and best-selling author **Tori Spelling** is writing a children's book. "Presenting ... Tallulah," the "sweet tale of a young girl who really just wants to be herself," is coming out in September, publisher Aladdin announced Tuesday. Spelling, star of the reality series "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood," also has written the memoirs "Mommywood" and "sTORI Telling." A third adult release, tentatively titled "uncharted terriTORI," is scheduled for June. (AP)

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Moldy, Not Peachy

Adam Green can't reign in the jokester on 'Minor Love'

CD Review

Every new Adam Green album promises to show a new and serious side of the New York singer-songwriter, who remains most popular for cracking anatomy jokes and soundtracking "Juno" in anti-folk also-rans the Moldy Peaches. And on "Breaking Locks," which opens his sixth solo full-length album, "Minor Love," he actually makes good: Over a churchly retreat to a seedy hotel and finally admits, "I've been too awful to ever be thoughtful."

Coming so early on the album,



If Adam Green wants to be taken seriously, he sure is good at hiding it.

"Breaking Locks" is an intriguing moment, if only because Green rarely sounds so sincere or so forthcoming. Unfortunately, throughout the remainder of "Minor Love," he is either not interested in or unable to repeat or sustain that songwrit-

erly transparency, and instead he falls back on his savant songwriting, emphasizing simplistic AABB rhyme schemes, sing-song melodies, and lyrics about prostitutes, pill poppers, hobos and "flatulent [expletives]." Ten years after the dissolution of the Peaches, Green remains more jokester than folkster.

While "Minor Love" doesn't indulge as much second-grade humor as his previous albums, Green still can't help but sing and play everything like it has air quotes around it. In trying to grow up while not growing up, he's only grown more disingenuous. **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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CBS
8:30

Gary Unmarried

Gary's competitive streak surfaces when Alison's new boyfriend offers to take Louise on a birthday trip to New York. This prompts Gary to shout out a unrealistic gift of his own.

CBS
10:00

CSI: NY

A tractor-trailer accident results in the discovery of a trucking ring specializing in human cargo and organ harvesting, and Mac summons Dr. Ray Langston (guest star Laurence Fishburne) to the New York office.



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Gates to the Past

PBS
8:00

"Faces of America With Henry Louis Gates" enters its second week, with the host taking his celebrity participants back to the 19th century to trace their ancestors' first years in the New World. We learn that Stephen Colbert's great-great-grandfather was the first in his family to leave Limerick, Ireland. Mario Batali's great-grandfather wandered far from Italy to work in Montana's quartz mines, and Kristi Yamaguchi's ancestors were subject to race-specific laws and federal legislation barring their citizenship. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Reruns



Male Bonding

ABC airs two repeats of "Modern Family" (ABC) and allows viewers to see why this ensemble series has been so quickly embraced by critics and audiences alike. In the first (8 p.m.), Mitchell plays head games with his gruff father, Jay (Ed O'Neill), insinuating that his regular-guy pal may not be all man. In the follow-up, Jay's enthusiasm for Manny's fencing prowess forces Mitchell to recall his father's indifference to his ice-skating dreams. K.M.

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Raise a Glass to the Off-Season

California's wineries are cozier, calmer getaways in winter

Destinations

Winter is quiet time in California's wine country, which makes it a very good time for a visit.

With harvest over and future bottles of wine resting peacefully in barrels and tanks, your chances of chatting with a winemaker when you visit a winery are higher. And as temperatures drop, so do crowds and prices, making a getaway less stressful on your psyche and wallet.

Cooler weather — temperatures can be in the 40s and 50s in January, warming up to the 60s in February and March — transforms the valley from exuberant summer splendor to a moodier hue. Winter rains turn hillsides deep green; in the vineyards dormant vines lift spindly arms to misty skies.

It all makes for some good eating weather. Now's the time to feast on the hearty braises and roasts that go best with robust red wines.

Grab a table near the fireplace at Bistro Don Giovanni, just north of Napa on Highway 29, and get ready to tuck into some seasonal fare, maybe fresh wild boar cooked



Jeri Gill, left, and Andy Demsky, center, taste wines last month in Napa, Calif. Vineyards are more relaxed during the winter.

Colder weather transforms Napa Valley from exuberant summer splendor to a moodier hue.

slow and served with a red wine sauce. "When you have a great cab or syrah with that, I just think it's

perfect," says Chef Donna Scala, who's noticed that people linger at tables in winter. "They enjoy eating more, and they'll sit for hours."

For exterior heat, jump into a mud bath in Calistoga, a small and charming town at the top of the valley known for its hot springs. Slipping into a vat of volcanic mud is the hard-core way to go, although you can opt for a soak in a mineral pool followed by massages.

Wine tasting is a year-round pastime. Call ahead to make sure tasting rooms are open — many are by appointment only.

If you're staying in the city of Napa, a shortcut is to buy a \$20 "Taste Napa Downtown" card from the Napa Valley Visitor Information Center. With that you can taste wine for a dime at 14 tasting rooms in downtown Napa.

MICHELLE LOCKE (AP)

'Top Chef' Sites Spice Up New York Tour

Excursions

Why take a walking tour inspired by a cable series you've never seen?

If the series is Bravo's "Top Chef," then the tour will be about cooking and food. And that's something most people can relate to.

"It's a great concept: going around New York, tasting, talking to people, experiencing places," said Anthony Tieu of San Francisco, one of eight people who showed up on a recent day for the

tour, which is called "In the Steps of a Top Chef."

Participants on Tieu's tour were a mix of locals and out-of-towners, devotees of the series and folks who'd never seen it. But they had one thing in common: "All of us like food a lot," said another person in the group, Susan Yun, a New York-based caterer.

The "Top Chef" series is a reality competition in which chefs are given cooking assignments and then are judged by foodie superstars such as Jacques Pepin and



"In the Steps of a Top Chef" tour participants visit Chinatown in New York City.

Lidia Bastianich. The tour includes venues from the fifth season, which took place in New York.

But the tour is much more than a series of tastings. It also includes tips, quizzes and history.

"I wanted to design the tour to be fun and interactive — like the show — and to really give people, in a fun and entertaining way, an idea of what it's like to be a real chef," said Joyce Weinberg, who offers the "Top Chef" tour and other food-themed tours through her company, City Food Tours. (AP)

A Not-So-Mean Green

Absinthe, the drink of mad artists, also mixes into cocktails

Spiritsa

For some, absinthe represents a decadent literary quaff. The mythical, emerald-hued spirit distilled from herbs such as wormwood was the favorite (and, reportedly, hallucinogenic) sip of Vincent van Gogh, Oscar Wilde and Toulouse-Lautrec. The stuff that the French dubbed “la fée verte” (“the green fairy”) was banned in this country for years, but since its legalization in 2007, the anise-flavored potion has spawned a cocktail revival. Spirits experts Paul Owens and Paul Nathan just published a book on it, “The Little Green Book of Absinthe” (\$19, Perigee). **ERIN HARTIGAN**

What's the allure of absinthe?

Paul Nathan: It's the drink of writers, poets and artists. It brings the romance of the nouveau bohemian movement and a danger factor.

How'd you discover it?

Paul Owens: When I was touring Europe back in the mid-90s, I found absinthe. I thought it was a great buzz and fell in love with the whole tradition in Prague and Paris.

Why'd the U.S. ban it?

PN: Absinthe was banned in 1912 before cocaine and heroin were banned. It was a bone thrown to the temperance movement because absinthe was alcohol plus. It was painted as the worst, most demonic of all the alcohols. It was wrongly vilified.

Why was it finally reintroduced to America?

PN: It was more of a mundane exercise in bureaucracy than a crazy court case. Thujone [a chemical derived from wormwood] was the big culprit. Evidence 100 years ago was that it caused problems, but they've



At the Hill's Wisdom, you can sip absinthe served traditionally (with a sugar cube dissolved into it) or blended into hip cocktails.



ABSINTHE-MINDED

Some fans of absinthe use special slotted spoons to dissolve a sugar cube into the stuff to offset its mildly bitter taste. Demitasse Jewelry's delicate charm necklaces (\$175-\$375, demitassejewelry.com) pay tribute to the intoxicating tradition using gold, silver and gemstones.

adjusted the amounts allowed.

Is there any difference between today's absinthe and the stuff that caused hallucinations?

PN: Much of the product out there is based on recipes that never stopped being made for 100 years. Recipes, plants and terroir are all the exact same. There are different classifications. Absinthes that are classified as bitters have three times as much thujone as is legally allowed in America. Here, we have 10 parts per million of thujone, which is half to two-thirds of what's available in Europe.

Why is it green?

PN: The first process in making absinthe is the same one used [in] making perfume. You throw the plants into alcohol to distill. Alcohol holds oils in suspension. It comes out as a clear liquid, which looks like vodka. The color comes from botanicals, which are like a teabag full of plants that you drop in to steep.

What flavors will people find?

PN: I'm having a glass of Swiss absinthe right now. [Sip.] The first thing that hits you is licorice flavor from the anise. As it washes over your tongue, you get fennel. On the sides of the tongue, you get some bitterness. In a few minutes, I will still have a slight aftertaste of fennel.

What's the deal with lighting a sugar cube on fire on top of my absinthe?

PN: It's a Czech ritual. It's exciting and looks good, but it's not going to make absinthe taste better. It's a little bit dodgy and a little bit dangerous, but it symbolizes the magic of the alcohol. Fire ignites passion and releases the green fairy.

How do I mix it into drinks at home?

PN: First, try it in a straight, traditional fashion. Mix it with ice water and a bit of sugar. Dissect the flavor and get a feel for that before you mix it into a cocktail. For cocktails,

Recipe File



VAN GOGH'S (P)EAR

Erik Holzherr, owner of Capitol Hill bar Wisdom (1432 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-543-2323), pours about 10 brands of the green spirit. “My newest favorite is Vieux Carré out of Bluecoat Distillery in Philadelphia. It's got really nice balance and strength; it's great to drink straight and mixable.” Here, he stirs it into a wryly named ode to Vincent van Gogh, who is said to have chopped off his ear in a fit of absinthe-fueled madness.

Serves one

1/2 OZ. Vieux Carre Absinthe
1/2 OZ. Belle de Brillet Pear Cognac
1 OZ. BlueCoat American Dry Gin
2 OZ. Fresh-pressed apple juice
DASH of Regan's Orange Bitters No. 6

Shake first four ingredients over ice. Strain into a martini glass and add bitters. Garnish with a pear slice on rim.

I recommend the Gargoyle from our book. It's an absinthe lemon drop with familiar flavors and interesting nuances.

Is there anything absinthe doesn't mix with?

PO: Through mixology, we found that, from strawberries to 7UP, everything works with absinthe. Nothing is blacklisted.

Poll Center

Today's Question

DO YOU THINK CONCEALED WEAPONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN RESTAURANTS?

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Tuesday's Results

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT IRAN AS A POTENTIAL NUCLEAR THREAT?



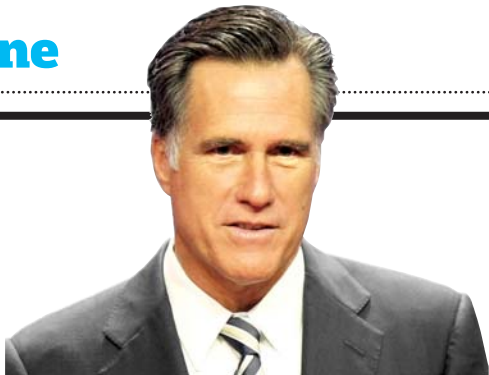
"I am less concerned that Iran is becoming a military dictatorship rather than a theocracy. Military leaders tend to be a bit more pragmatic. They want power and comfortable lifestyles. Religious leaders want to conquer the world."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"I'm worried about them in the same way that we should be worried about anyone with nuclear weapons, including ourselves."

COMMENTER CM LEVIN

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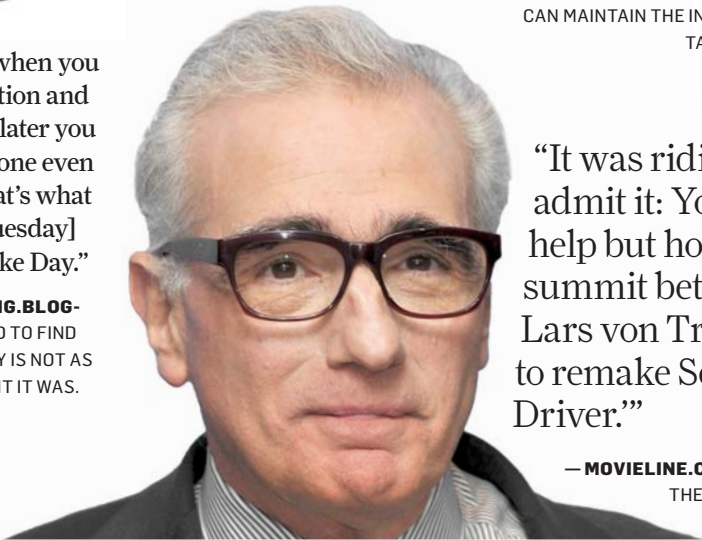
"The Romneys have more money than God and choose to fly in the economy section. Nancy Pelosi has more money than God and chooses to fly high on the hog at the expense of taxpayers."

— LONELYCONSERVATIVE.COM IS GLAD TO SEE THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS WAS NOT HURT AFTER A PASSENGER ATTACKED HIM ABOARD AN AIR CANADA FLIGHT MONDAY.



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— MOVIELINE.COM REACTS TO NEWS ABOUT A POTENTIAL REBOOT OF THE FILM STARRING ROBERT DE NIRO AS TRAVIS BICKLE.

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Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may raise some eyebrows by maintaining a jovial attitude while others are having a hard time of it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What begins quickly is likely to slow dramatically when you become seriously committed. There are a lot of details to iron out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may hear from someone who has been out of the picture for some time. Don't respond until you know exactly what is expected of you this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll want to know where everyone is and what they're doing — in detail — before you make decisions that are carved in stone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's no need for you to be keeping score. Let things develop organically; you don't have to be in the lead all the way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on those who need something from you. You can provide everything that is asked of you — and then some.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to find yourself surrounded by visitors of one kind or another, but, fortunately, each will serve a valid, important purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) He or she who usually helps you through complicated times may not be there for you right now, but you can still get in touch and ask key questions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) After you and a friend score success with an impromptu effort, you'll want to get together and discuss what worked and why.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will want to think twice before heading off in a new direction. Excitement beckons, but unseen dangers must be avoided.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will have to stick to a specific schedule. There is some wiggle room once you have the rundown.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial developments at this time favor your plans, but take care that you don't expect too much too soon. Be patient at all times.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 199

E ₁	U ₁	T ₁	N ₁	R ₁	C ₃	S ₁

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RACK 1

A ₁	A ₁	I ₁	N ₁	G ₂	R ₁	B ₃

Double
Word Score

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RACK 2

A ₁	U ₁	T ₁	T ₁	R ₁	G ₂	C ₃

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RACK 3

A ₁	E ₁	O ₁	L ₁	T ₁	L ₁	C ₃

2nd Letter
Triple

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

V ₄	E ₁	N ₁	T ₁	U ₁	R ₁	E ₁	RACK 1 =	62
R ₁	A ₁	C ₃	E ₁	W ₄	A ₁	Y ₄	RACK 2 =	65
M ₃	I ₁	L ₁	I ₁	E ₁	U ₁		RACK 3 =	8
C ₃	O ₁	M ₃	P ₃	A ₁	R ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	76
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	211

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

MEDIUM

		6	4	1		3		
			7					4
			5				6	2
3				9				8
			5		6			
5				7				2
6	2	1				9		
4						2		
			3		2	1	5	

Yesterday's Solution

4	6	2	1	5	8	7	3	9
8	9	5	6	3	7	2	1	4
1	3	7	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	4	1	2	7	5	6	8	3
3	7	6	4	8	9	1	2	5
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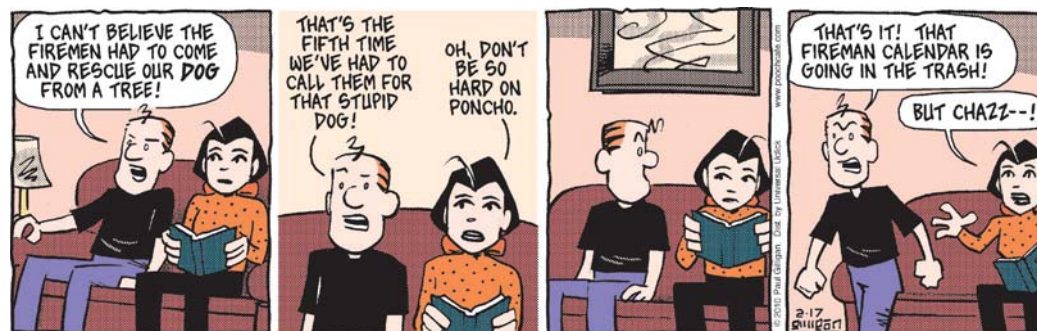
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Forecast



40 | 27

Today: Breezy and cold today with a few flurries. Partly cloudy tonight.



41 | 27

Tomorrow: Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



FRI



SAT



SUN

44 | 27 44 | 27 40 | 27

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:57 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:48 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:11 a.m.
Moonset today: 9:29 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 47
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Record low: 5

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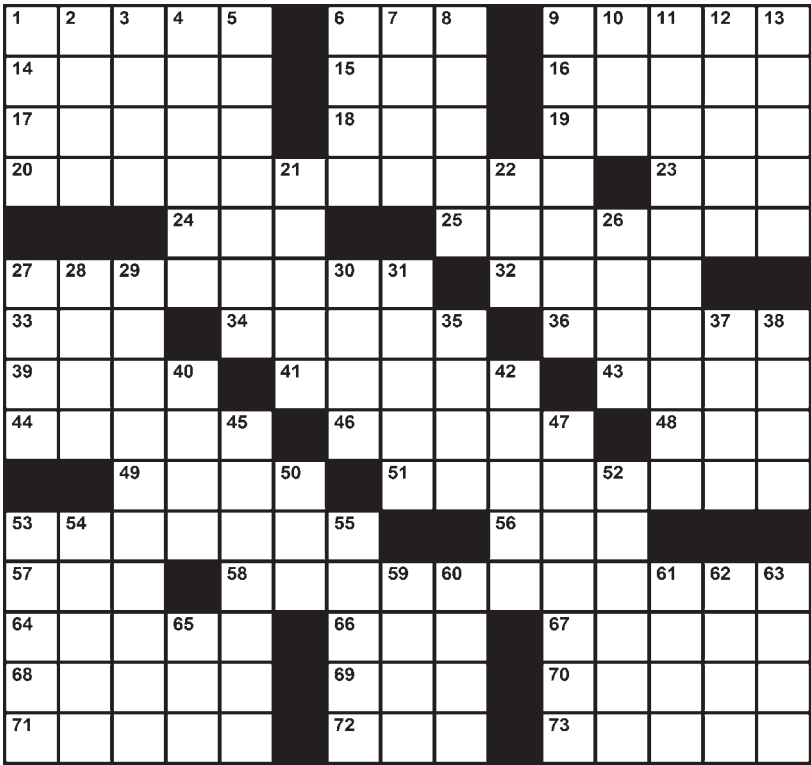
DO THE CROSSWORD STOMP

ACROSS

- 1 Tree byproduct
6 "A Christmas Carol" cry
9 Nasal dividers (var.)
14 Kind of eclipse or module
15 ____ Khan
16 Kitchen utensil
17 Prefix with "modern"
18 Chestnut case
19 Someone to keep closer
20 Significant other, in old slang
23 Health resort
24 Aussie coat of arms bird
25 Wisconsin's capital
27 New faces on bases
32 Sleek cat
33 "Four score and seven years ____ ..."
34 Testimony spot
36 Idolater
39 What prisoners do
41 Bit of lampoonery
43 Alice and Flo's workplace
44 On the say-so of
46 Like some depth finders
48 Scot's "In a pig's eye!"
49 Bitter drinks
51 Comprehensive, as a view
53 Bo's'ns' quarters
56 ____ Monte (fruit juice brand)
57 Take your pick
58 Garden gourd
64 News summary
66 Romanian monetary unit
67 Get the knot out of
68 Gets ready to drop?
69 Contribute to the conversation
70 Ancient Greek marketplace
71 Rane's garment
72 Wade opponent, in court
73 Ostracized one in the Bible

DOWN

- 1 Poverty-stricken area
2 Luau dance
3 "Trust" lead-in
4 Argyle repair person
5 "In Praise of Folly" writer



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- 6 Hindu gentleman
7 Fever with chills
8 Sultan's women, collectively
9 Accelerate
10 Ending with "Ecuador" and "Caesar"
11 Celebrity promoter
12 Speed, in music
13 Indo-____ language group
21 Call it ____ (give up)
22 Sound of a mosquito biting the dust
26 Islamic holy man
27 Pro ____ (proportionately)
28 Athena's breastplate (var.)
29 It's good for curbside

- parking
30 "Lights out" bugle tune
31 Do detective work
35 Spanish lady's title
37 Jai ____ (fast-moving sport)
38 Minute minute pt.
40 "Electro-Shock Blues" band
42 Comes across
45 Backslide
47 With the same legal standing
50 "Wait just a ____!"
52 Some necklines do this
53 Mustangs and such
54 Setting for an aria
55 Energy-saving panel
59 Change the furnishings of

- 60 In the buff
61 High over
62 "Your majesty"
63 Catch wind of
65 "... of the ____ of Aquarius"

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

- 1801** The U.S. House of Representatives breaks an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president.
- 1817** A street in Baltimore becomes the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.
- 2009** President Obama signs a massive \$787 billion package to revive the country's economy.

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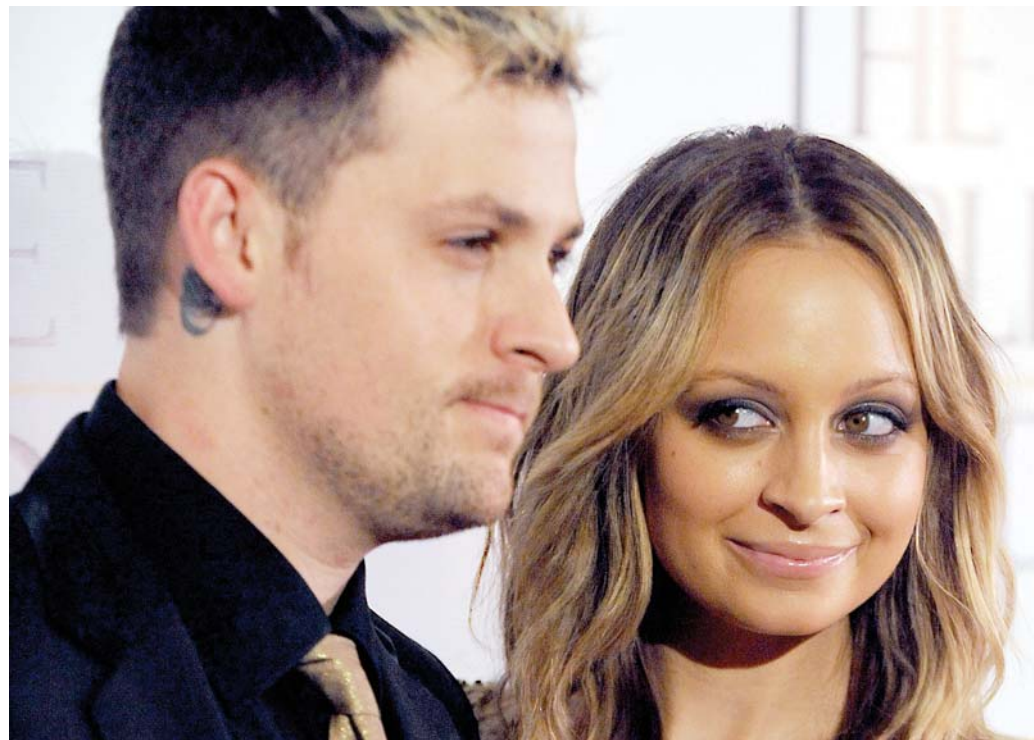
Fox News host Sean Hannity has a new book coming out next month. HarperCollins announced Tuesday that it will issue Hannity's "Conservative Victory" March 30. The book is billed as a call to defeat President Obama's "radical agenda." The book will have a first printing of 1.5 million copies. Hannity also wrote "Deliver Us From Evil." (AP)

Denial**Translation: 'No Ring'**

Kim Kardashian told Usmagazine.com that she and her beau, Reggie Bush, spent Valentine's Day weekend eating, shopping and relaxing in Las Vegas, and that "it was just special being together." (EXPRESS)

**DETAILS****'But He Did Dye My Heart Black With Despair'**

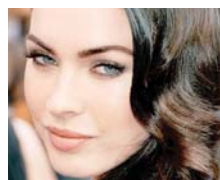
According to Usmagazine.com, Jessica Simpson is Allure magazine's cover girl for March, and her interview reveals some interesting tidbits about her love life. For example, Simpson addresses her relationship with John Mayer, saying: "He didn't make me go brunette. John doesn't get credit for making me brunette. He'd like to think so, but he doesn't deserve the credit." (EXPRESS)



KATY WINN/AP

CHRONOLOGY**First Come Babies**

People.com reported that actress Nicole Richie announced her engagement to musician Joel Madden at a taping of "Late Show With David Letterman" on Monday (the show will air Friday). Richie, 28, and Madden, 30, began dating in 2006 and have a daughter (Harlow, 2) and a son (Sparrow, 5 months) together. Letterman joked with Richie, saying, "A lot of people will have children and then they don't want to rush right into the marriage — you know, they wait till the kids get out of college, then they get married." (EXPRESS)



"No one believes me ... but I'm really maternal. ... I would be able to provide [kids] with an amazing environment."

— MEGAN FOX, TALKING ABOUT HER DESIRE TO BE A MOTHER IN THE NEW ISSUE OF W MAGAZINE

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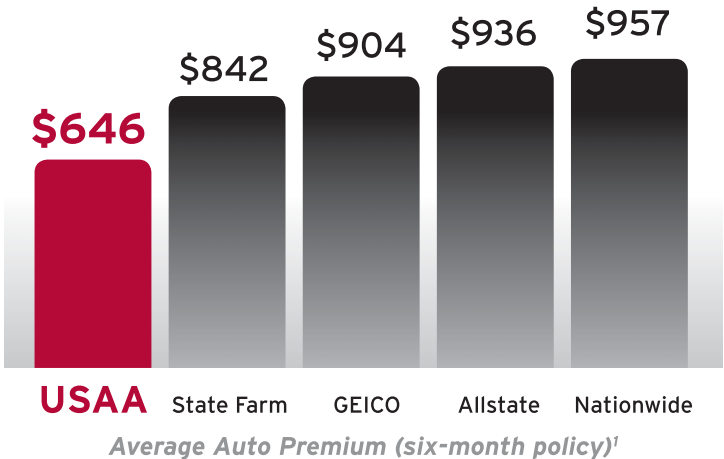


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